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NEW DELHI PASS TO CODEL

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FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF CODEL WOLFF PRESSCON HELD AT SUBANG
NATIONAL AIRPORT KUALA LUMPUR, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17.

BEGIN TEXT

ON A BAD DAY LIKE TODAY WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMING OUT SO EARLY
IN THE MORNING AS WELL. THE THING IS THAT WE HAVE HAD TWO DAYS
HERE OF REALLY INTESIVE ACTIVITY AND IT HAS PROVEN QUITE
FRUITFUL TO US IN A WAY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SPEAK TO VIRTUALLY
EVERY HIGH OFFICIAL OF GOVERNMENT HERE AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF
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THE PARLIAMENT AND WERE ABLE TO GET A VERY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING
FO THE SITUATION HERE IN MALAYSIA. WE ACTUALLY HAD VERY FRANK
DISCUSSIONS. IT WAS A HEALTHY EXCHANGE AND I THINK THAT WE
UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC SITUATION OF
MALAYSIA TODAY THAN CERTAINLY BEFORE WE CAME, WE HAVE A WELL-
ROUNDED KNOWLEDGE NOW OF THE SITUATION THAT EXISTS HERE AS WELL
AS AN APPRECIATION FROM THE ALAYSIAN SIDE AS TO THE SIT-

UATION THAT EXISTS IN THE WHOLE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MR. BADHAM FROM CALIFORNIA WHO WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HIS REACTION TO THE TALKS WE HAVE HAD.

MR. BADHAM: THANK YOU. PERSONALLY, AS A MEMBER FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHICH DOES BORDER THE PACIFIC OCEAN, I WAS MOST IMPRESSED WITH THE KINDNESS AND FRIENDLINESS WHICH HAS BEEN SHOWN US HERE IN YOUR COUNTRY. MY PRINCIPAL LEGISLATIVE CONCERN IS SECURITY; MILITARY SECURITY IN THE PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN, WHERE SO MANY OF OUR GOODS ARE IN TRANSIT. IN TALKING TO YOUR LEADERS I FIND THAT WE SHARE THE SAME AIM AND THE SAME GOALS FOR A NEUTRAL PEACEFUL PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN. WE, OF COURSE, WANT TO WORK AT ALL TIMES WITH YOUR PEOPLE IN YOUR COUNTRY TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NEUTRALITY AND WITH OUR PRESENCE AND WITH OUR COOPERATION AND THROUGHOUT THE INDIAN OCEAN IN THE SOUTH EAST ASIA AREA AS WE HAD OUR DIFFICULTIES IN THE PAST, I THINK WE CAN LOOK FORWARD WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND THE OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA TO GREATER TRADE WITH MILITARY SECURITY. AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SPENDING TIME WITH US HERE.

MR. DANIELSON: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I AM CONGRESSMAN DANIELSON, ALSO FROM CALIFORNIA. MY PRIMARY INTERESTS ARE MANIFOLD HERE. I AM A PART OF THE LEADERSHIP DEPUTY WHIP IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ONE OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES IS TO TRY TO WORK UP SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION. I HAVE BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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VERY GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE CHANCE TO EXPLAIN TO OUR FRIENDS HERE IN MALAYSIA THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ABOUT TO ABDICATE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PACIFIC. MANY PEOPLE HERE DO NOT SEEM TO REALIZE THAT AMERICA IS A PACIFIC NATION AS IS MALAYSIA AS ARE THE PHILIPPINES, CHINA, JAPAN. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE ABOUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED MILES OF PACIFIC OCEAN COASTLINE RIGHT IN CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. THEN YOU ADD ALASKA AND THEN YOU'VE GOT THE STATE OF HAWAII RIGHT OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN. WE ARE A PACIFIC NATION. WE ARE HERE TO STAY. THE FACT THAT WE MAY BE REDUCING FORCES TO SOME EXTENT IN SOUTH KOREA DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE ABDICATING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. WE ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF OUR STRUCTURES IN SUBIC BAY AND CLARK FIELD AND I MIGHT ADD THAT FROM A NON-MILITARY POINT OF VIEW WE ARE CONTRIBUTORS, MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. WE ARE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF ASEAN AND WE'RE CONTRIBUTORS OF THE WORLD BANK AND, OF COURSE, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO SEE HOW WELL ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS FUNCTION IN THE SOCIETY AND THE ECONOMY OF SOUTH EAST ASIA. SO THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO EXCHANGE OUR POINTS OF VIEW WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR PARLIAMENT AND MEMBERS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION.

CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MR. MANN, SOUTH CAROLINA.

MR. MANN: THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF MALAYSIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE IS SOMETHING WHICH THE MALAYSIAN PEOPLE ARE CERTAINLY ENTITLED TO BE PROUD OF. THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES IS VITAL BECAUSE OF THE STRATEGIC MATERIALS THAT YOU HAVE HERE, AS IS THE SECURITY COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IMPORTANT. WE CERTAINLY SUBSCRIBED TO YOUR PRINCIPLE OF "ZOPFAN" BUT AS WE LEARNED IN THE UNITED STATES MANY YEARS AGO, AS ONE OF OUR FAMOUS PRESIDENTS SAID THAT A NATION CANNOT SURVIVE HALF SLAVE AND HALF FREE, NEITHER CAN THE WORLD EXIST HALF PEACEFUL AND HALF AT WAR. SO AS WE CONSIDER OUR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES
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TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN THW ROLD WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE MALAYSIAN PEOPLE WOULD UNDERSTAND THE SACRIFICE AND THE EFFORT BEING MADE BY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THEIR TAXES AND THROUGH THE SERVICE OF THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN THW WORLD. AND AS YOU CONSIDER OUR ROLE IN THAT RESPECT I SAY AGAIN THAT WE WOULD EXPECT YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND YOUR COOPERATION.

CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU MR. MANN.

THE DELEGATE AND CONGRESSMAN FROM GUAM, MR ANTONIO WAN PAT.

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MR. ANTONIO WAN PAT: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AS YOU KNOW, I COME FROM THE FARTHERMOST PART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN, GUAM. AND THEY SAY GUAM IS WHERE AMERICA BEGINS AGAIN. AS A RESIDENT OF THE AREA I AM CERTAINLY SENSITIVE, OF COURSE, TO THE SECURITY OF THE PACIFIC. WE ARE THE ONLY PART OF THE UNITED STATES THAT WAS OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY DURING THE LAST WAR. SO AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS I HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OVER PAROCHIAL INTEREST, LOCAL INTEREST AND NATIONAL INTEREST. NOW, PRIOR TO MY COMING OVER HERE, OF COURSE, MY IDEA ABOUT MALAYSIA WAS SOMETHING LIKE THE STORY OF THE PILGRIM COMING OVER YOUR COUNTRY RIDING ON THE PLANE, AND SEEING NOTHING BUT THE STREETS AND THE ROCKS AND THINKING THERE WAS NOTHING BUT JUST WILD WOODS, BUT WHEN HE CAME DOWN TO THE GROUND HE REMARKED TO HIS FRIEND THAT
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ALL THE TREES WERE PLANTED IN A ROW. RUBBER TREES, PALM TREES, AND ALL THAT. SO HE WAS SURPRISED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF, IN OTHER WORDS, DIRECTED ACTIVITIES OVER HERE. SO THAT'S THE IMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE ABOUT MALAYSIA. IT HAS GROWN AND SHOWN IMPROVEMENT AND OF COURSE, THE IMPRESSION THAT WE GOT IN TALKING TO YOUR LEADERSHIP IS THAT YOU ARE FRIENDLY AND WANT TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ONLY A PACIFIC NATION BUT IS A PACIFIC POWER AND IT IS INTERESTING, OF COURSE, IN THE STABILITY OF THE WHOLE AREA HERE AND AS THE CHAIRMAN STATED CLEARLY, WE ARE HERE TO STAY AND TO SEE THAT OUR MUTUAL INTEREST ARE PROMOTED. THANK YOU.

CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU.

MR. RANGEL WHO IS THE RANKING MEMBER OF OUR SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS, MR. RANGEL OF NEW YORK.

MR. RANGEL: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. CONGRESSMAN WAN PAT AND CONGRESSMAN SKUBITZ AND I, WE SPENT ALL OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRUG PROBLEM THAT THE COUNTRY HAS AND ALSO THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM THAT ITS CLOSE BORDERS AND THE BORDER OF THAILAND PRESNE NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA BUT CERTAINLY ALSO CONCERN PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. WE WERE TERRIBLY IMPRESSED WITH THE VERY PROGRES-

SIVE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS. WE SPENT THE AFTERNOON WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD. WE HAD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE OPENING UP OF A NEW AIRPORT. WE HAD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE POWER OF THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT HERE TO BE ABLE TO INTERDICT AND TO BE ABLE TO CONFISCATE THE HEROIN THAT COMES IN THIS COUNTRY AND IS TRANS SHIPPED TO OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS, THE GAPS THAT EXIST, AND THAT YOU ARE TAKING A VERY FIRM PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM THAT WAS INITIATED BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN ORDER TO TACKLE THESE

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PROBLEMS. I AM PLEASED TO KNOW, MR. CHAIRMAN THAT OUR COUNTRY IS WORKING VERY, VERY CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA AND I WAS PLEASED TO FIND OUT THAT OUR PEACE CORPS PEOPLE THAT HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO GIVE ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF REHABILITATION, HAVE BEEN GRACIOUSLY RECEIVED AND THEIR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED BY THE PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA. WE CAN ONLY LOOK FORWARD TO COORDINATED PROGRAMS NOT ONLY WITH THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT AND COOPERATION BUT ALSO THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN: MR. MITCHELL OF NEW YORK.

MR. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I HAVE NOT TRAVELLED IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AT WHAT RAPID STRIDES YOU MADE IN JUST A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, GOING FROM AN AGRARIAN SOCIETY INTO AN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY IN LARGE MEASURE. I WAS ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY OF THE LEADERSHIP AND I THINK THESE TWO FACTORS PROBABLY GO HAND IN HAND. WITHOUT GOOD LEADERSHIP THIS NATION COULD NOT HAVE MADE THESE SPLENDID ADVANCES IN PROGRESS. ONE OF THE POINTS THEY MADE TO US WAS THAT THE WAY TO COMBAT COMMUNISM NOT ONLY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD BUT IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD IS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE PEOPLE THAT A SYSTEM OF FREE ENTERPRISE WORKS BETTER AND CERTAINLY THE WORK THAT THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT IS DOING IN THIS AREA AND THE MALAYSIAN PEOPLE HELPS US TO REINFORCE THAT THOUGHT. ANOTHER POINT THEY MADE WAS THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME AMERICAN INVESTMENT AND WE ARE CERTAINLY GOING TO CARRY THAT MESSAGE BACK TO OUR COLLEAGUES AND TO THE BUSINESSMEN OF OUR COUNTRY.

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MR. SKUBITZ: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I HAVE BEEN SITTING
HERE AND I HAD TO REVISE MY STATEMENT EIGHT TIMES. (LAUGHTER)
THERE ISN'T MUCH LEFT FOR ME TO SAY EXCEPT "ME TOO*"
I, TOO, CAME TO LEARN AND HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH IMPRESSED
WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN
THE AREA. MY MAIN INTEREST, HOWEVER, WAS IN THE NARCOTIC
PROGRAM. AND YESTERDAY AND VISITING WITH YOUR PEOPLE THEY
OUTLINED A VERY INTERESTING PLAN THAT THEY INTEND TO FOLLOW
THROUGH. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT AND
DO THE JOB. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU.
MR. SKUBITZ: MAY I ADD ONE OTHER THING, MR. CHARIMAN. I ALMOST
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FORGOT. I THINK I AM THE ONLY MEMBER THAT WENT OUT TO SOME OF
THE PEACE CORPS PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE HERE AND VISITED THE REHAB
CENTER AND SAW SOME OF THEIR WORK. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I WAS
QUITE IMPRESSED WITH THE JOB THEY ARE DOING HERE, AND I FIND,
TOO, THAT THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF IS QUITE IMPRESSED AND WANTING
US TO CARRY ON OUR PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU.
CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, MR. SKUBITZ. I MIGHT JUST SAY BEFORE WE
OPEN THIS UP TO QUESTIONS. THE FACT IS THAT WE LEAVE THIS

COUNTRY WITH A SENSE OF MUTUAL RESPECT. ONE OF RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE ADMINISTRATION HERE AND WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE WHO HAS BEEN WORKING SO CLOSELY WITH US THROUGHOUT OUR TRIP. THE COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY THE MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN REALLY OUTSTANDING AND IT INDICATES TO US THE FACT, WELL, JUST LET ME PARAPHRASE IT BY SAYING THAT IN SOME COUNTRIES THAT WE GO TO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT WE ARE NOT EITHER PERMITTED TO SEE OR JUST DIRECTED ELSEWHERE. IN THIS COUNTRY WE FOUND AN OPENNESS AND A FRANKNESS THAT IS VERY, VERY HEARTENING. AND I MUST SAY THAT AS THE LEADER OF THIS DELEGATION I MUST PAY COMPLIMENTS TO MY COLLEGAUES WHO HAVE EXPENDED THEIR TIME IN SUCH A WORTHWHILE FASHION. WE HAVE BROKEN UP INTO SMALLER GROUPS IN ORDER TO REALLY FACILITATE OUR WORK HERE. I ALSO COULD NOT LEAVE THIS COUNTRY WITHOUT PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR AMBASSADOR, MR. MILLER, AND TO OUR DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, MR. ROSENTHAL, WHO HAVE BUILT UP A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE AND THE OFFICIAL- DOM HERE IN MALAYSIA AND IT IS THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY THAT WE ARE HOPING TO REINFORCE. TO REINFORCE THE IDEA THAT AMERICA IS A PARTNER IN THE PACIFIC AND DOES NOT SEEK IN ANY MANNER, SHAPE OR FORM TO ENFORCE ITS WILL BUT STANDS READY TO HELP AND ASIST WHEREVER IT IS CALLED UPON. WITH THOSE WORDS I SHOULD LIKE TO THROW THE MEETING OPEN TO QUESTIONS AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY OF THEM THAT YOU CHOOSE TO ASK.

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RANGEL: MR. CHAIRMAN. I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW COUNTRIES THAT HAVE TWO AMBASSADORS. MR. MILLER AND MRS. MILLER.

CHAIRMAN: YES. (APPLAUSE) AND MRS. ROSENTHAL. ARE THERE ANY QUESTION THAT YOU HAVE?

QUESTION: OUR FORMER MINISTER (INAUDIBLE) CRITIZED CONGRESS FOR NOT TAKING ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO REGIONAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH EAST ASIA. YOU COULD COMMENT ON THIS?

CHAIRMAN: WELL, SOMETIMES WE ARE CRITICIZED FOR TAKING TOO MUCH ACTION. THE FACT IS THAT CONGRESS HAS A ROLE TODAY. A MUCH STRONGER ROLE THAN IT HAS IN THE PAST IN DETERMING POLICY, BUT PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT IT IS A ROLE. IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAVE A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE EXECUTIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO SET POLICY. THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT CARTER IS ONE THAT WE DO FEEL IS FELT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS EXCITED THE ATTENTION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. EXEPT THOSE PEOPLE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE WORLD WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS IS TALKED ABOUT BUT IS NOT VERY MEANINGFUL, AND, UNFORTUNATELY, SOME AREAS OF THE WORLD HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CO-OP THE IDEA OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND NOT PRACTICED IT VERY WELL. I THINK WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS TO SHOW BY EXAMPLE WHAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS ALL ABOUT. AND AS FOR THE ECONOMIC AREAS, I MUST SAY THAT OUR

OJBECTIVES HERE ARE TO ENCOURAGE TRADE. TO ENCOURAGE A FREERER
TRADE BETWEEN NATIONS. ONE ASPECT THAT WE ARE VERY CONCERNED
ABOUT, HOWWEVER, IS IN THOSE AREAS WHERE COUNTRIES SUBSIDIZE
EXPORTS AND ACTUALLY DUMP PRODUCTS INTO OUR NATION WHICH IS UN-
FAIR COMPETITION. I DON'T THINK THAT CONGRESS IS GOING TO PERMIT
OUR NATIONA TO BECOME PROTECTIONIST BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN WE
ARE GOING TO SEE TO IT THAT THERE IS FAIR COMPETITION. WE LIVE
ON FIAR COMPETITION. WE ARE PRIME EXAMPLES OF THE FREE
ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT THE
COMMUNIST WORLD CANNOT COMPETE ON WITH US IT IS WITH US
IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA.

ANY OTHER QUESTION?

IF THERE ARE NO QUESTION, WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AGAIN,
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FOR YOUR COOPERATION. THANK YOU. END TEXT
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